ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS

BY

ROBINSON · AND · SNYDER
ARCHITECTS

PHILADELPHIA AND ALTOONA

ABRIDGED EDITION.

THIS little book is a reduced and abridged edition of a large and more extensive work of the same name

ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS,

Size 10 in. x 13 in., handsomely printed in two colors on the finest plate paper. It contains over one hundred designs and suggestions for every class of buildings, suggestive ideas, bits of furniture, interiors, churches, schools, business houses and public buildings, with descriptions and cost.

This little book is a fac-simile, reduced to one-fourth the size, of a few of the pages of the large edition. To any one contemplating the erection of any kind of buildings it is well worth the price.

LARGE EDITION—

Size 10 in. x 13 in., printed in two colors, bound in stiff boards, (for contents see page 17),

$2.00, PREPAID.

JTX 510
#37901
425

ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS

ILLUSTRATED WITH A NUMBER OF ORIGINAL DESIGNS

+ OF +

PUBLIC AND PRIVATE BUILDINGS

CHURCHES, SCHOOLS AND BUSINESS HOUSES

CITY AND COUNTRY RESIDENCES

+ BY +

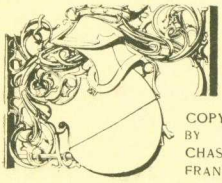
ROBINSON & SNYDER

ARCHITECTS

DREXEL BUILDING
PHILADELPHIA, PA.

+ 1893 +

NICHOLSON BUILDING
ALTOONA, PA.



COPYRIGHTED 1893
BY
CHAS. M. ROBINSON
FRANK M. SNYDER

Sp Coll
AD
975
.T73

PROLOGUE.

THE CONTENTS of these pages are the result of working out actual architectural problems, and are offered with a view of aiding those about to build. The work here presented is not intended to be exhaustive, but the undersigned feel confident, that where acquaintances are made through the medium of these sketches, that the relationship of architect and client will be the ultimate result Not wishing to be thought egotistical, we prefer to let our work speak for itself, but having had very extensive experience in actual architectural practice, as well as the best classic training, we have no hesitancy or fear to offer our service to carry out any work of whatever magnitude.

IT HAS been our object to touch lightly at a number of different features of building: Public and Private Buildings, Churches, Schools, Business Houses, and City and Country residences, not forgetting the interiors, especially of domestic work. It is impossible to give more than a few general ideas of each of the different arrangements, but a study of the planning and designing of some of the buildings will liberally reward any one in search of novel and original design. It is not our object to offer to the public "machine made" plans to be followed and copied literally, but we hope that, when you see what we have done for others, you will entrust us with the commission of your own work.

To those who become our clients, we promise the most painstaking and conscientious study and execution of their design, always having their interest at heart, for we find that a well satisfied client invariably assures another.

We shall be pleased, at any time, to communicate personally, or by letter, with any one contemplating building, at either of our offices in the Drexel Building, Philadelphia, or the Nicholson Building, Altoona, Pa.

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects.

The Position of the Architect.

NO profession is so much misunderstood as that of the Architect. To some he is a superfluity whose only business is to make a building cost twice as much as you wish to put in it, collect his commission and laugh in his sleeve at your chagrin for having to pay the bills; to others he seems well-nigh omnipotent, and can design a building worth thousands of dollars for which you will have only to pay half of what it is worth. Both assumptions are equally unjust. His forte is simply this: from long experience he knows the most that can be obtained for the least money, the most convenient arrangement, the most pleasing appearance; he can write your specifications so that builders may figure on the work intelligently and, in consequence, more reasonably; when your building is completed you have not a large bill of extras that was not in the contract; he can make your plans so that you will see on paper a miniature of the building to be produced in wood, stone, or brick, and make the changes you would like, where, when the building is erected, all changes and alterations must cease. He charges you a small sum, for which he gives you the benefit of his extensive experience and saves you *many times his commission*. It is false economy to attempt to save the commission paid the Architect, as you will pay many times his percentage in extras, etc. We claim that when plans are properly prepared *there should be no extras unless* the owner orders changes after the contract is let.

The Designs.

THE designs herein illustrated are not expected to meet the wants of all parties, but will furnish you with a ground work on which to base your plans. For instance, you like a certain general arrangement, you think a certain feature attractive, or you wish to enlarge some plan, or combine the general plan of one design with the exterior of another. In such a case do not cast aside the book as containing nothing you would like, but write to us, giving a rough sketch with written instructions regarding it, and we will scale up the plans and send you a pencil sketch for approval. This plan may be returned several times, if necessary, until you get *what you want*. The designs are chosen for their convenience and attractiveness; we have not filled up the book with engravings of houses which no one could possibly want, but each design is made for a special purpose, and to represent a different phase of building. If the building you decided on is too expensive, do not take something you do not like because it is cheaper, but write us, and perhaps we can modify the design to suit your wants.

Intending Clients.

INTENDING clients, concluding to build, should consult us, stating in a general way the size and number of rooms required, and their selection of material, together with all particulars of location, drainage and general surroundings, stating any special feature or hobby they may wish to incorporate. We will then endeavor to include all of his wishes, if practicable, and supply others which we think good.

Preliminary Studies.

WHEN THE design selected is one without any changes, preliminary studies are not necessary, but for new work, we proceed to embody the instructions received from the client in scale drawings, which are submitted to him for his approval before proceeding with the working drawings, and upon his approval of the sketches, we begin work upon the general drawings, which consist of

General Drawings,

Plans, elevations and sections, drawn to scale, after which detail parts are drawn out full size, or to large scale, as the case may require.

Specifications.

Full and explicit specifications are also prepared and carefully worded, so as to avoid misunderstandings and possible law suits. We always keep a copy of all drawings on file in our office, to which reference may be had at any time.

Detail Drawings.

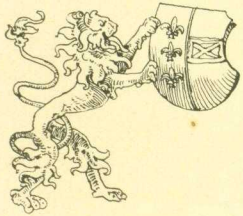
The importance of complete detail drawings cannot be over estimated, both from an economic point of view, and for accuracy and beauty of design All mouldings, cornices, windows, carvings, stairs and mantel work, and, in fact, all work should be drawn out full size, or of scale large enough to make accurate reproductions

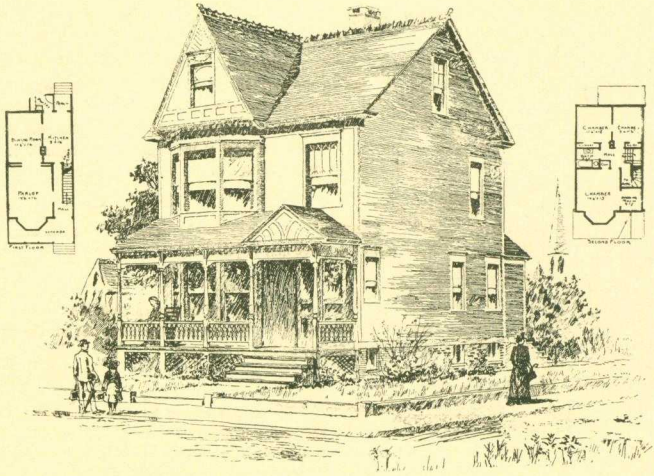
Receiving Estimates.

Upon completing all of the plans and details, where desired, we call for bids from builders and contractors, and after having received their estimates, we inform the client of the lowest responsible bidder, and, if satisfactory, draw up the contracts for completing the work.

Superintendence.

Where the operation is in a distant part of the country from our places of business, and where it would be impossible for our own personal attention, we can furnish a thoroughly competent superintendent or clerk of works, for whose service no exorbitant charge will be made, but for small houses the service of a superintendent is not generally required, but if desired visits will be made and expenses and time charged.





THIS little cottage of six rooms, consisting of Parlor, (14 ft. 6 in. x 16 ft.;) Dining Room, (11 ft. 6 in x 16 ft.:) Kitchen, (9 ft. x 16 ft.,) and three chambers, (14 ft. 6 in. x 13 ft., 11 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft., and 9 ft. x 11 ft. 6 in. respectively;) is well arranged for a narrow or small lot, only requiring for the extreme dimensions 21 ft. wide and 47 ft long Provision is made for bath room and pantry, and is so arranged that a kitchen could be added if desired. Using present kitchen for a bed room, the exterior has a pleasant home-like appearance, and having few breaks and angles is not costly to build, rooms could be enlarged if desired. Attic is ample and well-lighted either for sleeping rooms or storage purposes. House finished on the interior in poplar or white wood stained to imitate some of the dark hard woods. Stories 10 ft. high in the first, and 9 ft. 6 in. in the second. House is arranged for heater in cellar, but another chimney might be advantageous in some cases.

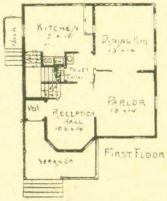
Attention is called to the dressing room connected with front chamber, the economy of hall space, and the cozy exterior appearance. Parlor and Dining Room communicating, as is also two chambers up-stairs Contains all of the comforts and conveniences of a larger house.

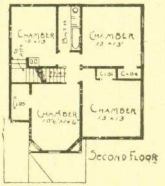
Minimum cost, $1400. Maximum cost, $2200. Contract price, $1968.

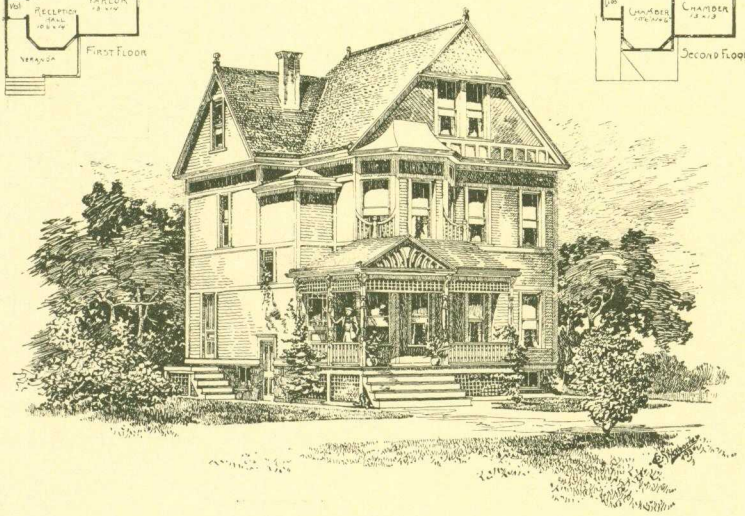
Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





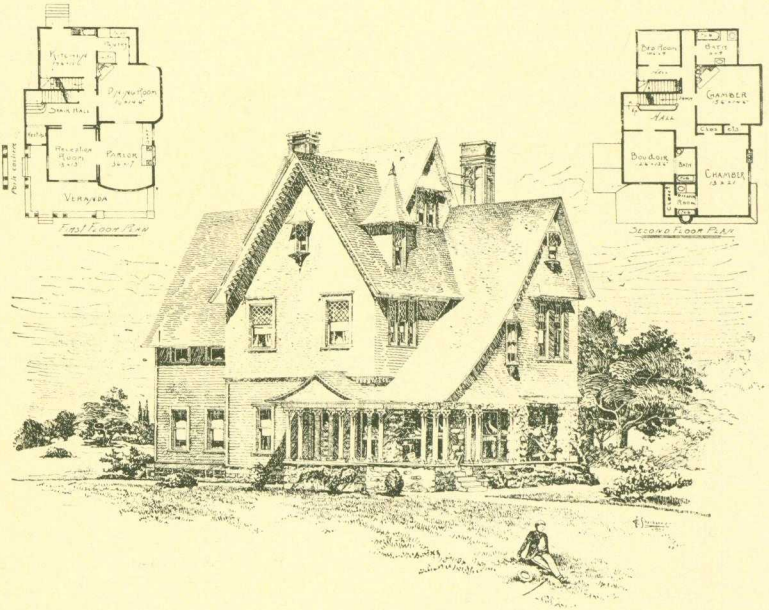


RECEPTION Hall, 10 ft. 6 in. x 14 ft.; Parlor, 13 ft. x 14 ft., Dining Room, 13 ft. x 14 ft., Kitchen, 15 ft. x 10 ft.: Right Front Chamber, 13 ft. x 13 ft., Left Front Chamber, 10 ft. 6 in. x 14 ft. 6 in., Right Rear Chamber, 13 ft. x 13 ft., Kitchen Chamber, 10 ft. x 13 ft. Bath Room; Closets, Toilet Room on first floor; dumb waiter from cellar; combination stairway. Extreme dimensions 29 ft. 6 in. wide, 38 ft. 6 in. long, including veranda. Attic all in one large room, can be divided. First story 10 ft. high, second story 9 ft. 6 in. Frame, shingled roof, stone foundation, white wood interior finish. The attractive features of this house are the toilet room on the first floor opening from all rooms; the general compactness of the house, which reduces the house work greatly. The mode of entering the cellar is to go in level from the lawn on to a platform of the main cellar stairs, from thence either up or down, this obviates the necessity of a hatchway, which is objectionable on account of snow and rubbish blowing in. This feature can be used wherever it is possible to pass direct from the outside on to a landing of the cellar stairs, which usually are located under some other stairway, thus giving headroom without the hatchway area. Minimum cost, $2300. Maximum cost, $2900.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.



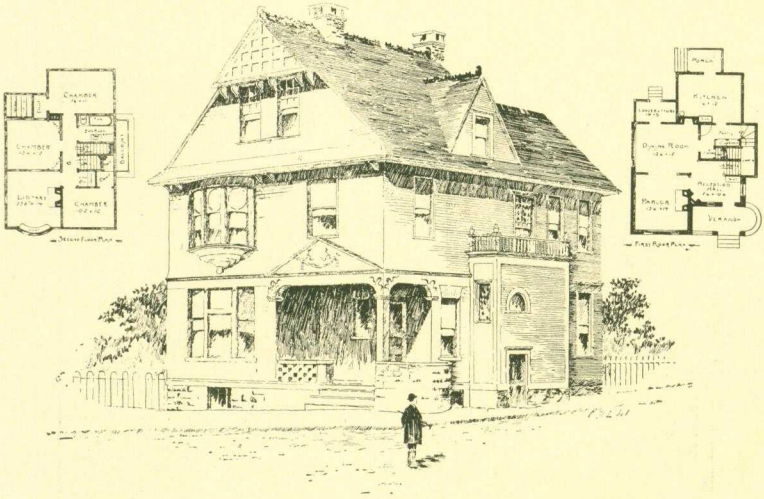
A RAMBLING style of house is here shown, which could be made very picturesque with proper surroundings. The special feature of this house is a private bath room connected with the Boudoir, as well as with the front chamber, in addition to the general bath room; the arrangement and size of rooms may be seen by reference to the plans, Reception Room, Stair Hall, Porte Cochere, Fire Places, and large wide Verandas. Extreme dimensions, 48 ft. x 56 ft., including Porte Cochere and Verandas. Stories, 1st—11 ft., 2d—10 ft., Attic may be finished and will give several large and well-lighted rooms. Material to be frame, with second story shingled, and large stone piers in front. Convenient and pleasing arrangement. Would look especially well on a hill-side or on the coast. Would suggest staining the entire exterior instead of painting.

Minimum cost, $4500. Maximum cost, $5250.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

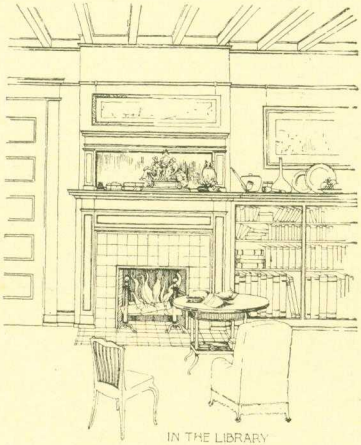
Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.



THIS house is well adapted for a professional man's home; the lower rooms can be thrown together for entertainment; the library on the second floor makes a quiet retreat for private study Plenty of fire places give good ventilation, and an opportunity for gas logs or grates. The arrangement of the combination stairway is good. Closets numerous and roomy Large linen closet varnished with moth proof varnish. Reception Hall is very attractive Conservatory located at rear of Dining Room large enough to afford flowers without the services of a gardener; if not required, it can be used as a side porch, the glass being removable. The first story is pressed brick, with stone trimmings, and the second story covered with shingles.

Attic divided into two sleeping rooms and a large billiard room. Dimensions—Parlor, 13 ft. 6 in. x 14 ft., Dining Room, 12 ft. x 15 ft.; Hall, 12 ft. 6 in. x 10 ft 6 in., Kitchen, 12 ft. x 16 ft.; Library, 13 ft. 6 in. x 14 ft., Chambers, 10 ft. 2 in. x 12 ft., 13 ft. 6 in. x 12 ft. and 16 ft. x 11 ft. respectively Stories—10 ft. first; 9 ft 6 in. second Extreme dimensions of house 31 ft. x 40 ft

Minimum cost, $3000 Maximum cost, $4000

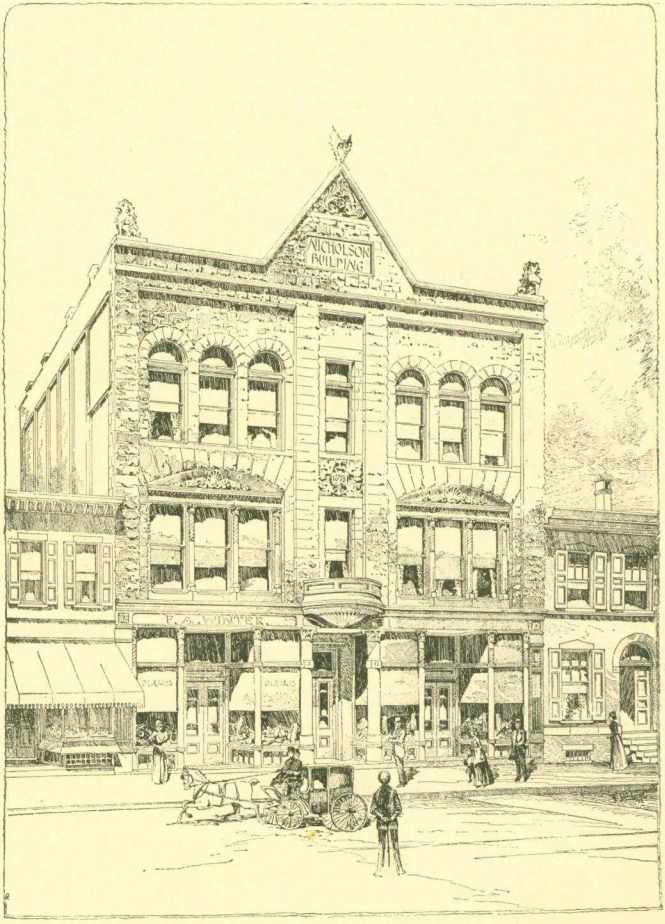


IN THE LIBRARY

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.

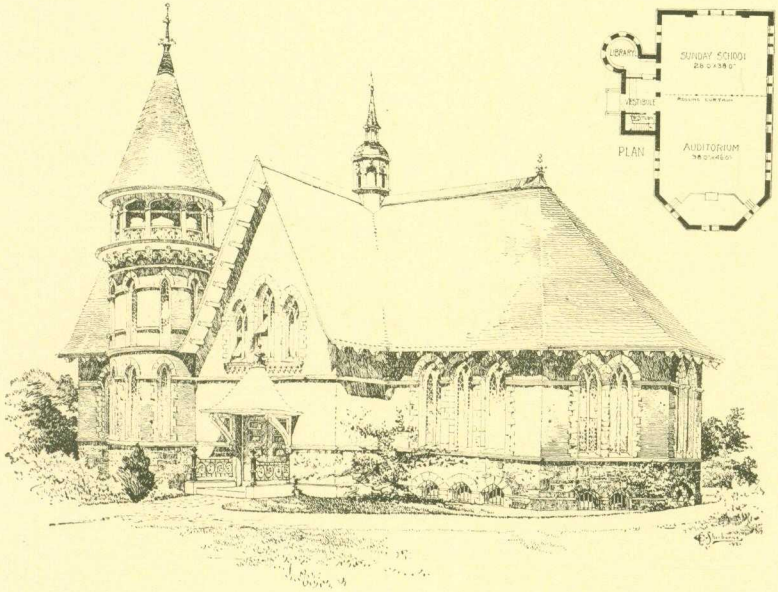


A MERCANTILE AND OFFICE BUILDING FOR H. L. NICHOLSON, ESQ., ALTOONA, PA.

BUILT of brick, 47 ft x 110 ft., with carved stone front, trimmed with copper, containing two store rooms on first story, twelve offices on second, and lodge and club apartments, consisting of a large assembly room, lodge room, parlor, smoking room, billiard room, kitchen and lavatories on third. Sky-light, steam heat, plumbing, gas and electricity, hard wood finish, cost $30,000

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.

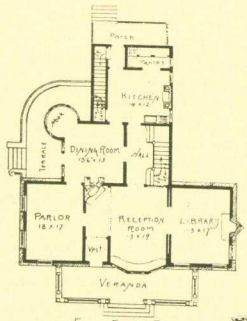


THIS picturesque Gothic church has a seating capacity of about three hundred in the auditorium, and about one hundred and fifty in the Sunday-school room, which is separated from the auditorium by rolling curtains. The library is located in the tower, with a delivery window in the vestibule. Pastor's study is situated over the vestibule and library. The pulpit is arranged in the octagonal end, the entire ceiling, which is of paneled wood, acts as a sounding board, making the accoustic properties very good. The walls are of rock faced stone up to the window sills. The water tables and trimmings around windows are of cut stone, and the balance pressed brick. Slate roof, with copper trimmings. Basement is excavated for heater, with stairway from vestibule. Cost about $10,000.

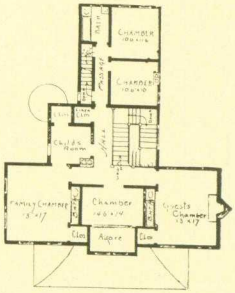
Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

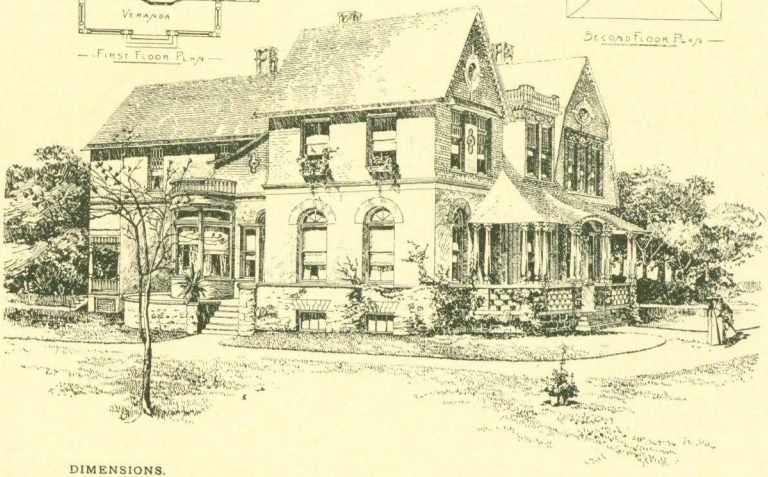
Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.



— FIRST FLOOR PLAN —



— SECOND FLOOR PLAN —



DIMENSIONS.

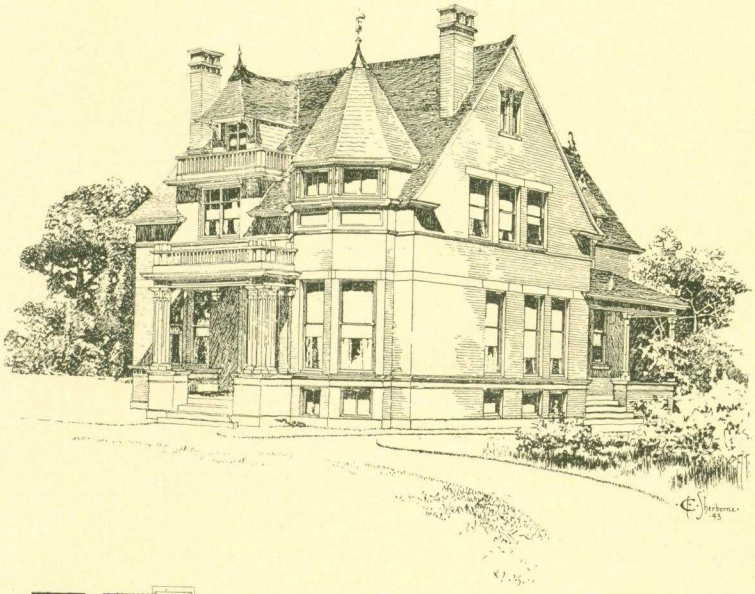
Parlor,	13 ft. x 17 ft.
Library,	13 ft. x 17 ft.
Reception Room,	13 ft. x 19 ft.
Dining Room,	13 ft. 6 in. x 13 ft.
Kitchen,	14 ft. x 12 ft.
Family Chamber,	13 ft. x 17 ft.
Guests' "	13 ft. x 17 ft.
Front "	14 ft. 6 in. x 14 ft.
Rear "	10 ft. 6 in. x 10 ft.
" "	10 ft. 6 in. x 11 ft. 6 in.
Height, Stories—First,	11 ft.
Second,	9 ft. 6 in.
Minimum cost,	$5500
Maximum cost,	7500

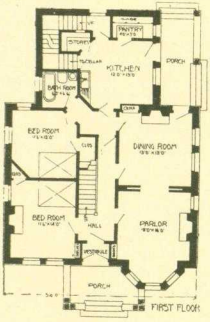
A RESIDENCE for a suburban or large size city lot. Brick cased or solid first story, with stone facing to lower window sills, shingle roof and sides, which should be stained. Large veranda, vestibule, fire places, terrace, child's room connects with family chamber. Private bath and lavatory in family chamber and guests' chamber, as well as general bath room. Linen closet in hall. Stairway well planned and located. Three rooms face on main street in each floor. Attic ample for storage purposes. House should be finished in hard wood.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.



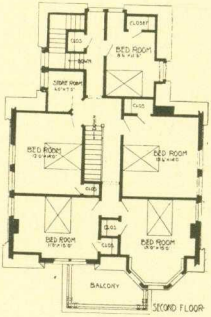


PREFERENCE for bed rooms on first floor, has led to this design, and it is needless to say it will accommodate a very large family Built of either brick or stone, preference being for brick, with stone trimmings. Roman brick would look well. Extreme dimensions, 34 ft. x 53 ft. First story, 10 ft., second story, 9 ft. It will be noticed that there is a wide difference between the maximum and minimum cost of this house.

Minimum cost, frame, $3300.

Minimum cost, brick, $3938.

Maximum cost, stone trimmings, with the interior finished in keeping with the exterior, $5000.



Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.

FREQUENTLY a client will find something amongst the designs here offered which will suit his requirements without any change, or if changes are required, they are so slight that his contractor can make them without altering the drawings. In such a case, we furnish complete plans, details and specifications of any design in this work either edition, for the prices shown on following page. We take the same care with the drawings as when new work is ordered at the regular rates. The client thus receives advantage of work already completed, and problems already solved, at a reduced rate. When you have selected a design, write us to our nearest office, enclosing a guarantee deposit of not less than one-fourth of the price asked, and we will send you all drawings necessary to complete your house, by express, C. O. D. We pay all express charges, both for delivering the plans and returning the money.

For charges for new work we refer you to large book, where a complete schedule is given, or we will send the schedule upon application.

We invite the most searching investigation into our business and professional standing, and wish to know the same of strangers before accepting a commission from them.

ROBINSON & SNYDER,

Philadelphia and Altoona.

ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS **Estimates of Cost and Prices of Plans.**

Complete plans, details and specifications without changes furnished at the following prices.
One fourth of price must accompany the order.

Complete plans will be sent by express C. O. D. with the privilege of examination. We paying all express charges.

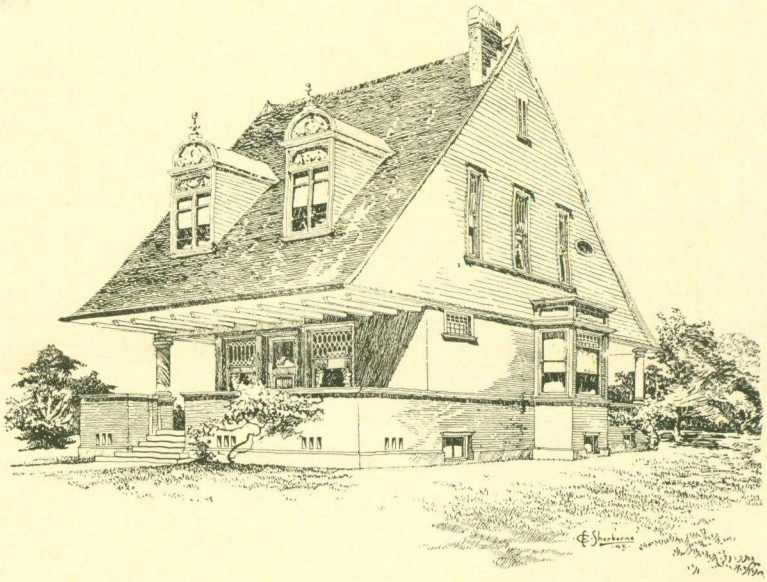
The minimum cost, which is given in the first column, does not include heating, plumbing, gas or water fixtures, mantels or hard-wood finish, and is generally *in excess* of actual cost. The maximum cost (second column,) includes a reasonable amount of these luxuries

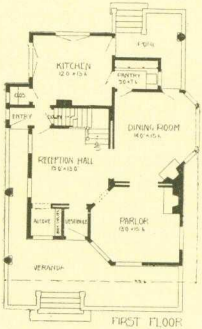
We make special estimates free for different localities when all the particulars are known.

PAGE.		MINIMUM COST	MAXIMUM COST	PRICE FOR PLANS, DETAILS AND SPECIFICATIONS.
*15	House, Exterior View and Plans. Alternative Second Floor Plan.	$2 400	$2.800	$43 00
16	House for Narrow Lot, Exterior View and Plans	1,400	2,200	31 00
17	House, Exterior View and Plans	2,300	2,900	41 25
18	House, " " "	4,500	5,200	68 50
19	House, " " " and Interior of Library	3,000	4,000	46 00
*20	Almshouse, Exterior View and Plans		50,000	Write.
21	Business Building, Exterior View		30,000	Write.
*22	House, Exterior View and Plans	2,200	3,400	39 50
23	Church, " " "		10,000	151 00
*24	Chapel, " " " Interior View.	7,500	10,000	113 50
25	House, Exterior View and Plans	5,500	7,500	83 50
26	House, " " "	3,300	5,000	50 50
27	House, " " "	2,700	3,500	48 25
28	House, " " "	1,000	1,300	31 00
*29	House, " " "	2,000	2,500	36 00
*30	House, " " "	3,000	3,800	46 00
*31	House, " " "	3,500	5,000	53 50
*32	Houses, " Views " each	2,800	3,600	50 00
*33	House, " View "	3,300	4,000	50 50
34	House, " " "	1,300	1,800	31 00
35	House, " " "	2,100	2,800	37 75
36 | 37	Five City Houses, Exterior Views and Alternative Plans	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
38	House, Exterior View and Plans	$2.200	$3.000	$39 50
39	House, " " "	2,300	2,825	41 25
40	Summer Cottage, Exterior View and Plans	300	500	25 00
41	House, " " "	2,933	3,620	52 32
*42	School Building, " " "	20,000	25,000	300 00
43	House, " " "	2,500	3,500	44 75
44	House, " " "	3,000	4,500	46 00
*45	Public Library, " " "	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*46	Hospital, " " "	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*47	House, " " "	$20,000 and up.		Price on application.
48	House, " " "	$3.591	$4.300	$54 85
*49	Twenty-foot City house, Exterior View and Plans.	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*50	House, " " "	$1,500	$2.000	$31 00
*51	House " " "	2,800	3,800	50 00
*52	House, " " "	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*53	Double house, Plan *A*, " " "	$4.000	$5.000	$61 00
	" " Plan *B*, " " "	3.000	4.000	46 00
*54	City house, " " "	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*55	House, " " "	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*56	House, " " "	$3.000	$3.800	$46 00
*57	Country School House, " " "	4,000	6,000	61 00
*58	Double house, Plan *A*, " " "	2,000	2,800	36 00
	" " Plan *B*, " " "	2,000	2,800	
*59	Two Stables	Estimate and price of plans on application.		
*60	Page of Suggestive Plans	Estimate and price of plans on application.		

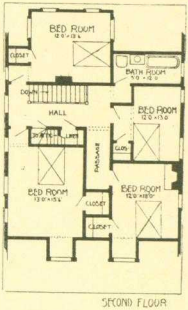
* Plans marked with star (*) are published only in the unabridged edition, as are also those shown in abridged edition.

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects,
915 Drexel Building, Philadelphia, Pa.
6 & 7 Nicholson Building, Altoona, Pa.





FIRST story, 9 ft. 6 in., second story, 9 ft. Extreme width, 33 ft. 6 in., extreme length, 52 ft 6 in. Frame sheathed and weather-boarded, shingle roof. Large square closets in all bed rooms. The exterior of this house would indicate a story and a half, but all rooms have square ceilings. Minimum cost, frame, $2700. Maximum cost, brick 1st story, $3500. This house would look well with the exterior plastered with cement on metal lath, this is more expensive than frame and weather-boards, but is not as expensive as brick. The cement can be colored and beautiful warm effects produced



Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.

ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS

UNABRIDGED EDITION.

SIZE 10 in. x 13 in. BOUND IN STIFF BOARDS.

Contains.....drawings, each of which is four times as large as in this edition.

SUGGESTIVE IDEAS. BITS OF FURNITURE.
INTERIORS. CHURCHES. SCHOOLS. LIBRARIES.
BUSINESS HOUSES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

BOOK PRINTED IN TWO COLORS ON FINEST PLATE PAPER.

PRICE, TWO DOLLARS.

ROBINSON & SNYDER, ARCHITECTS,

915 DREXEL BUILDING.
PHILADELPHIA.

NICHOLSON BUILDING,
ALTOONA, PA.

.....*189*

ROBINSON & SNYDER, ARCHITECTS,
PHILADA.—ALTOONA.*

Gentlemen:—Enclosed please find.....

for Two Dollars, for which send one copy of ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS, unabridged edition, to my address.

Name.....

Address .....

.....

*Books and Plans may be ordered from either office.

.....189

ROBINSON & SNYDER, ARCHITECTS,

PHILADA.—ALTOONA.*

Gentlemen:—Enclosed please find .....

for Two Dollars, for which send one copy of ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS, unabridged edition, to my address.

Name .....

Address .....

.....

*Books and Plans may be ordered from either office.

ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS

UNABRIDGED EDITION.

SIZE 10 in. x 13 in. BOUND IN STIFF BOARDS.

Contains .....*drawings, each of which is four times as large as in this edition.*

SUGGESTIVE IDEAS. BITS OF FURNITURE.

INTERIORS. CHURCHES. SCHOOLS. LIBRARIES.

BUSINESS HOUSES AND PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

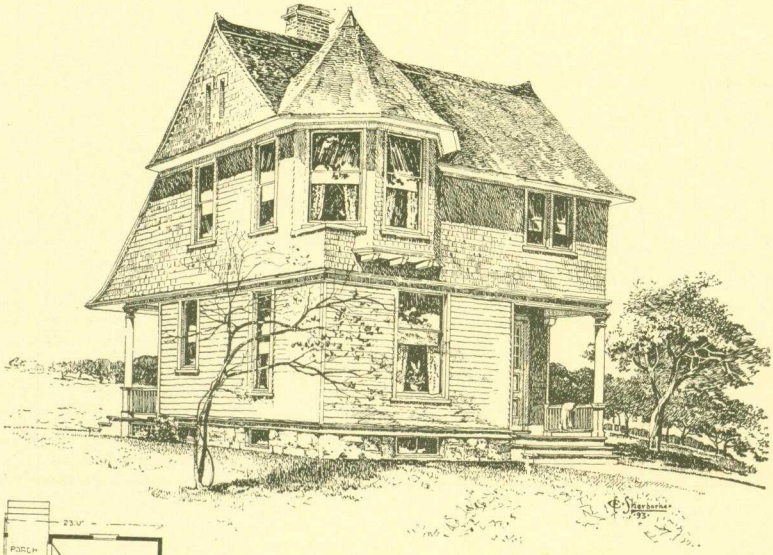
BOOK PRINTED IN TWO COLORS ON FINEST PLATE PAPER.

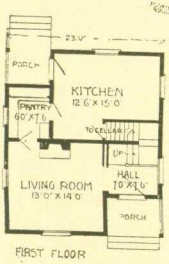
PRICE, TWO DOLLARS.

ROBINSON & SNYDER, ARCHITECTS,

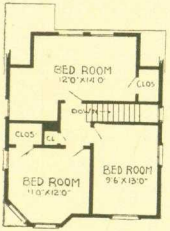
915 DREXEL BUILDING, PHILADELPHIA.

NICHOLSON BUILDING, ALTOONA, PA.





FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

A QUAINT little five roomed cottage, with a stair hall and pantry, is here shown. Stone foundation, with cellar under entire house Frame is sheathed and weather-boarded, and upper story, gables, and roof shingled. Three rooms on second story are provided with closets. Fire place in living room. Extreme width, 23 ft., extreme length, 27 ft. First story, 9 ft.; second story, 8 ft. Two coats of plaster. This house is well arranged for a fire place heater located in the living room, which will heat the front and back bed rooms above by a hot air flue built in the chimney, at a very little additional cost over a plain flue. This cottage could be finished in white poplar, stained dark and varnished, or painted.

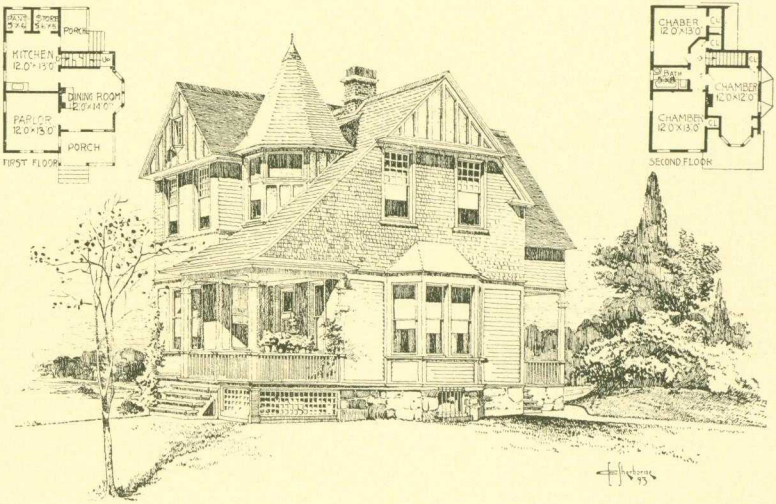
Minimum cost, $1000.

Maximum cost, including fire place heater and pipes, $1300.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.



A LITTLE cottage of six rooms, consisting of parlor, 12 ft. x 13 ft., dining room, 12 ft x 14 ft., with bay window; kitchen, 12 ft. x 13 ft.; front chamber, 12 ft. x 13 ft.; rear chamber, 12 ft. x 13 ft.; side chamber, 12 ft. x 11 ft. 6 in., with bay. Bath room, 5 ft. x 8 ft. Pantry and store room at rear of kitchen. Height of first story, 9 ft. 6 in., second, 9 ft. Stone foundation, cellar cemented. Sheathed, paper lined and weather-boarded with shingles on second story as well as shingle roof. Finish is white pine or poplar stained and varnished or painted. Gables are finished with plaster and battens. Porch front and rear.

Minimum cost, plain finish, without plumbing, $1300.

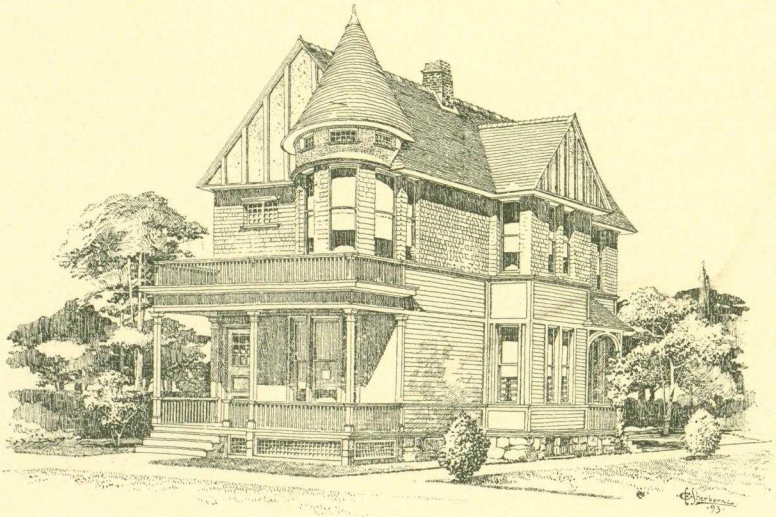
Maximum cost, with plumbing and furnace, $1800.

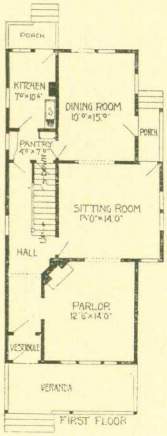
Contract price, without plumbing or heating, $1400.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

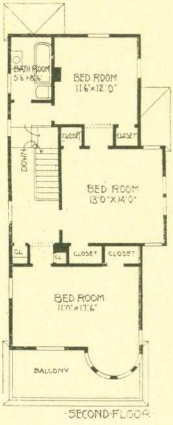
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





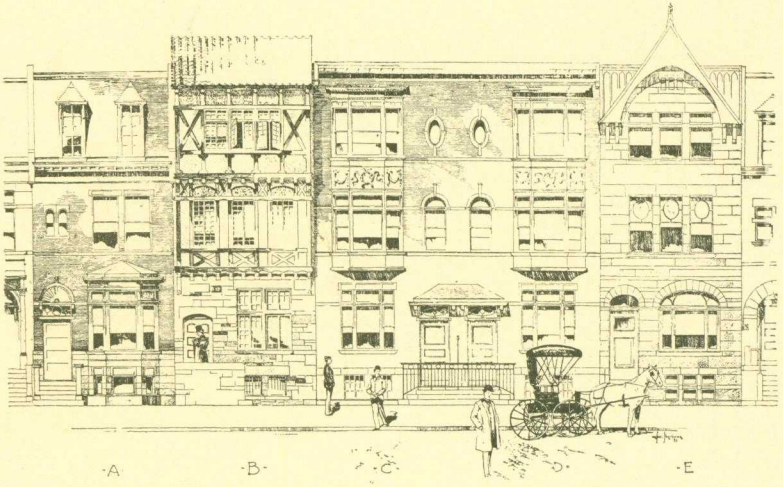
THIS house is well arranged for a narrow lot, and when built in a prominent place, and neatly painted, is very attractive. In many localities where land is scarce and expensive, the general arrangement of this house must be chosen, which, although not new, seems to meet with general approbation. The roof lines are simple and unbroken, but not monotonous. Roof is of shingles, as is also the second story, while the finish of the gables consist of plaster put on metal lath. A wide veranda extends across the entire front, forming a balcony of same size above. There is a side entrance into the dining room opening upon a small porch. Stories are 9 ft. and 8½ ft. high for the first and second respectively. Total length, 51 ft., porches included. Total width, 22 ft. In our drawing we show the house in a large lot, but remember it is well adapted for a narrow one, which, if it happens to be a corner will stand out as prominent as if in a larger place. Notice the passage way from front hall back to kitchen and dining room. Minimum cost, $2100. Maximum cost, $2800. Contract price, including plumbing, heating, grate and hard-wood first story, $2750.



Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.



THE five city fronts on this page, with the plans on the next page, shows combinations for at least twenty-five city houses. The plans require 16 ft. from centre to centre of party walls

Any of the fronts may be used in conjunction with any of the five interior arrangements. The planning shows all the conveniences of modern city houses. The entire collection shows a suggestion for a large block of fronts. Party walls with courts from the rear for light; basement kitchen with fuel cellar and storage, dumb waiter, fire places, large stair hall, pantry and butler's pantry, bath room, bed rooms with commodious closets and good light. The exterior may be built of any material allowed by the city ordinances, the party walls usually being of brick, and the fronts of brick, stone, terra-cotta or copper. It is impossible to give estimates of cost owing to the various combinations and character of the finish. When clients require anything of this character, write and give us full particulars and we can then give a more intelligent opinion.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

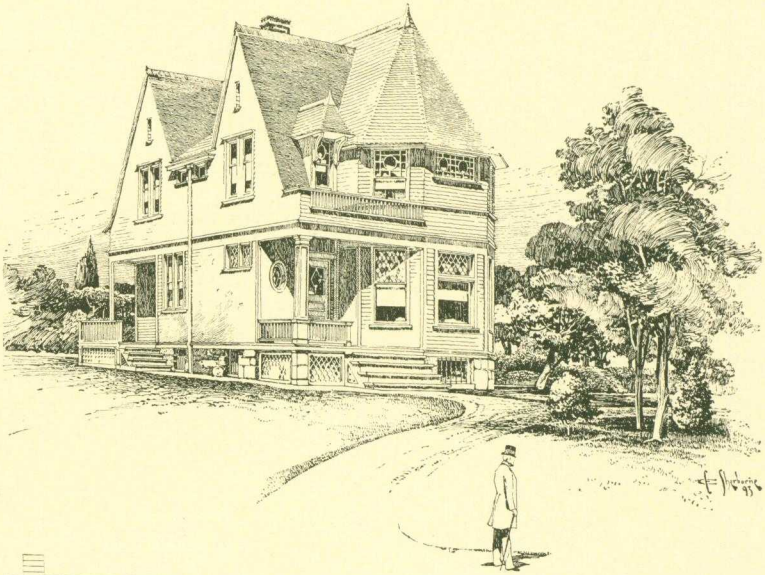
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

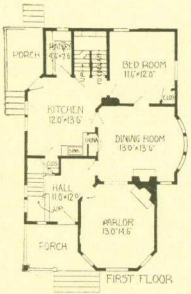
Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

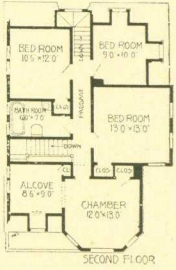
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





THIS plan contains all that could be desired in a house of modest pretensions. Front and back stairs make easy communication with all the rooms, the location of kitchen reduces domestic labor to a minimum. Open fire places make parlor and dining room very cheerful and attractive. Bed room on first floor is another feature which will attract many, or it may be used as a sewing room or library. China closet, pantry, large clothes presses and bath room are all provided.



Minimum cost, pine finish, $2200

Maximum cost, hard-wood, plumbing and heating, $3000.

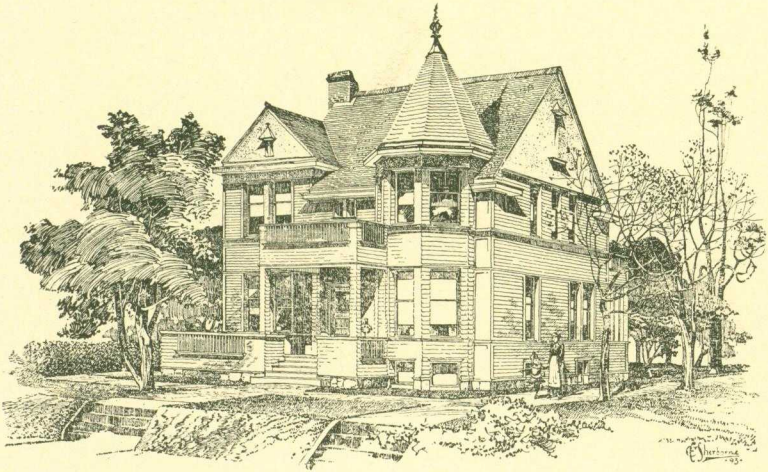
Contract price, hard-wood, plumbing and heating, $2800.

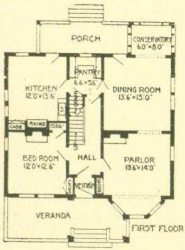
Stories, 10 ft. high, first; 9 ft. 6 in., second. Extreme dimensions, 31 ft. wide, 41 ft. long, including porches

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

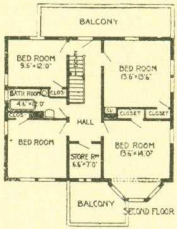
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





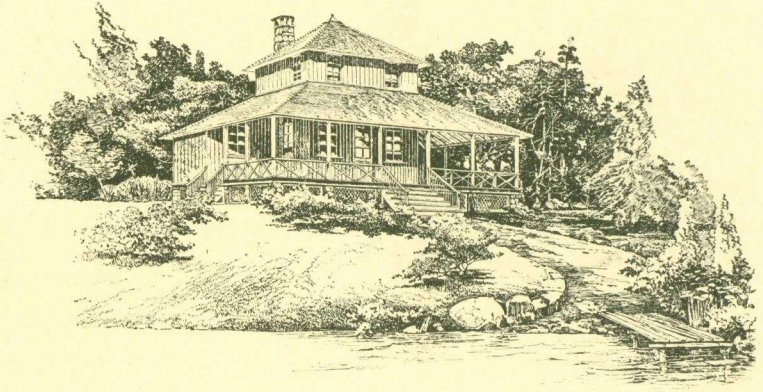
THIS central hall cottage, although not expensive, shows some very convenient planning, the most noticeable one being the centre hall-way, allowing easy communication to every room, both upstairs and down, without passing through another room. Kitchen is separated from dining room by a pantry. Servant can reach front door without passing through living rooms. Front room on left hand side may be used either as a chamber or library. Rooms being regular in plan, do not require the cutting of carpets into odd shapes. This cottage is not intended to have an attic, although one could be arranged by adding a couple of feet to the height. Where there is no public supply, a tank for supplying water to the building can be arranged in the front closet on second floor which will be easily supplied from the rain water of roof. Half of all water falling on this roof can be carried to tank. Parlor, 13 ft. x 12 ft. 9 in.; dining room, 13 ft. 6 in. square. Library, 12 ft. x 12 ft. 6 in. Kitchen, 12 ft. x 12 ft. Upstairs chambers, 13 ft. 6 in. x 15 ft.; 13 ft. 6 in. x 10 ft. 6 in.; 12 ft. x 12 ft. and 12 ft. x 12 ft. 6 in. Height of stories, 10 ft., first story; 9 ft. 6 in., second story. Attention is called to special features: Conservatory, large verandas front and rear, balcony on second story, chamber on first floor, square rooms, good closets, compact arrangements. Minimum cost, $2300. Maximum cost, $2825. Contract price, including plumbing, $2600.

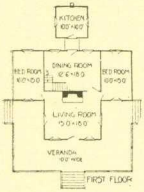


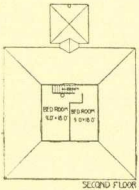
Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





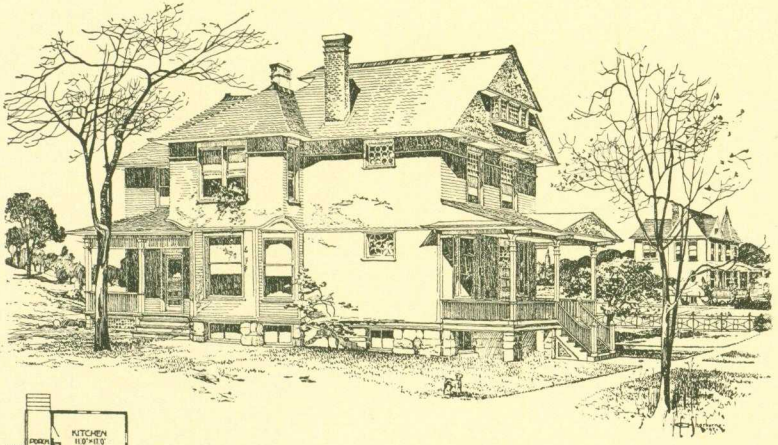


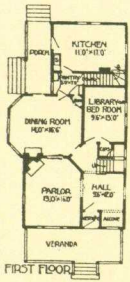
THIS summer cottage at Point View, stands on a prominent knob of the mountain overlooking the Juniata. It is built in rather a rustic manner of vertical boards with battens, and without plastering, the walls and ceilings inside being covered with a heavy red or gray building paper. Porch posts and railings are rustic timber cut from the mountain side. Roof is shingled. All windows are casements arranged to swing in, so as not to interfere with the wire netting which is tacked over the entire windows on the outside. The living room is large, 15 ft. x 18 ft., and has a large fire place laid up from rough mountain stone. Dining room, 12 ft. 6 in. x 18 ft.; bed room on each side of dining room 10 ft. x 15 ft. 6 in The second story contains two bed rooms or bunk rooms 9 ft. x 18 ft. each. Kitchen is detached from house and is ten feet square. The veranda is 10 feet wide, and extends around three sides. This cottage gives a suggestion of a number of ways summer cottages may be built. This building could be put up in the manner suggested for from $300 to $500.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

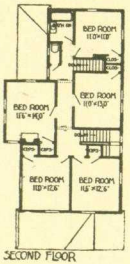
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





FIRST FLOOR



SECOND FLOOR

EXTREME width, 28 ft.; extreme length, 56 ft. 6 in. Height of stories—first, 9 ft. 6 in.; second, 9 ft.; cellar, 7 ft. Foundation; stone; first story, weather boards; second story shingles. Plaster frieze and gables. Shingle roof. Frame to be sheathed and paper lined. Wide front veranda and side porch, with entrance to dining room and kitchen. Vestibule. Reception hall with alcove. Fire places in parlor, dining room, and one bed room. Library or bed room on first floor. Octagonal dining room, with passage way through pantry to kitchen. China closet. Front and back stair-way. Closets in all bed rooms. Bath room over kitchen, with water closet in separate room, allowing closet to be used when bath room is occupied. By reference to the floor plans, the size and arrangement of the rooms may be seen. There being six bed rooms, this house will accommodate a large family. The quality of the interior finish and appointments will be as desired. If an inexpensive finish is wanted, use white pine or poplar, otherwise hard woods.

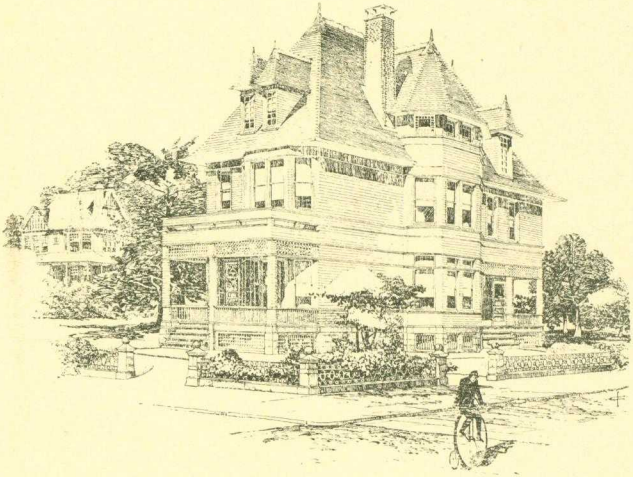
Minimum cost, $2933.

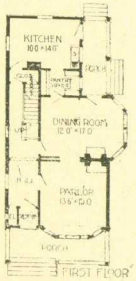
Maximum cost, $3620.

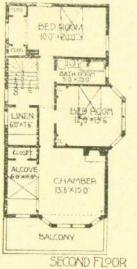
Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

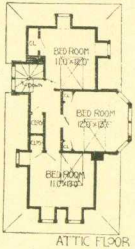
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.









EXTREME dimensions, 24 ft. 6 in. wide, 50 ft. long, including veranda. Height of stories —first, 10 ft. second, 9 ft. 6 in. Attic, 8 ft. 6 in., cellar, 7 ft. Frame sheathed, paper lined and weather-boarded. Foundation, stone. cellar under entire house. Front porch, with balcony over, side porch, with entrance from both dining room and kitchen. Vestibule, front hall and stair hall. Closets in both front and stair hall. Fire places in parlor, dining room and front chamber. Linen closet in upper hall. One or two closets in each bed room. Attic rooms are plastered on rafters, and are five feet high at lowest point. Pantry has closed cupboards, and acts as passage between kitchen and dining room. Bath room immediately over sink, plumbing is economical in consequence. The front chamber may be used as a library, bed being situated in alcove. Finish will be as desired.

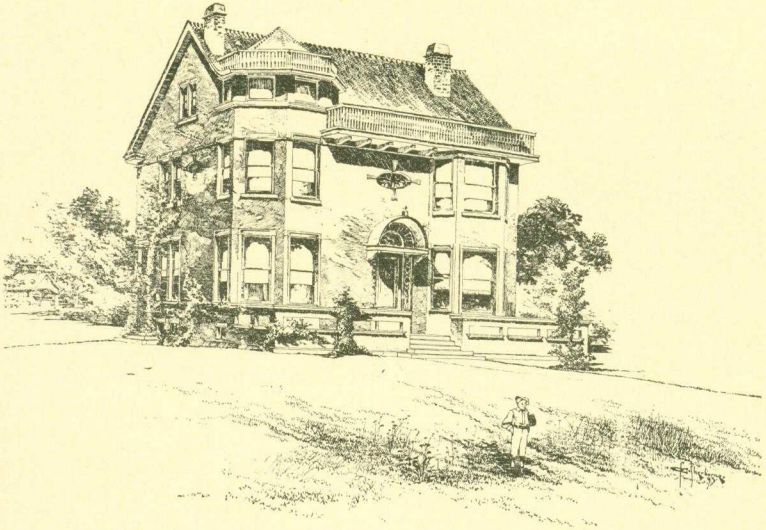
Minimum cost, without attic, $2500.

Maximum cost, with attic, $3500.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

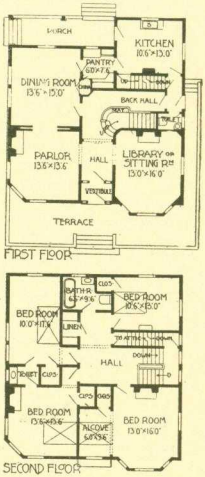
ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa



EXTREME dimensions, 38 ft. wide, 45 ft. 6 in. deep, including terrace. Height of stories—cellar, 7 ft.; first story, 10 ft.; second story, 9 ft. 6 in.; attic (if finished), 7 ft. 6 in. The sizes and arrangement of all rooms are carefully marked upon the floor plans. Foundation is stone. Frame is sheathed and covered with metal lath and plastered with cement. Roof shingled. Vestibule, central hall, two stair-ways, china closet, passage-way pantry. Fire places in parlor, library, and two front chambers. Seat on stairway, toilet under front stairs and between the communicating chambers, linen closet, sink, bath room, and closets in every chamber. Attic floored, but not finished. This house will look equally as well built of brick or stone. A large terrace extends across the front and around one side. Direct communication from hall to all rooms of both stories. Two doors between kitchen and any other part of house. The design is Colonial. The interior finish and appointments depends on the amount to be expended. Minimum cost, $3000.

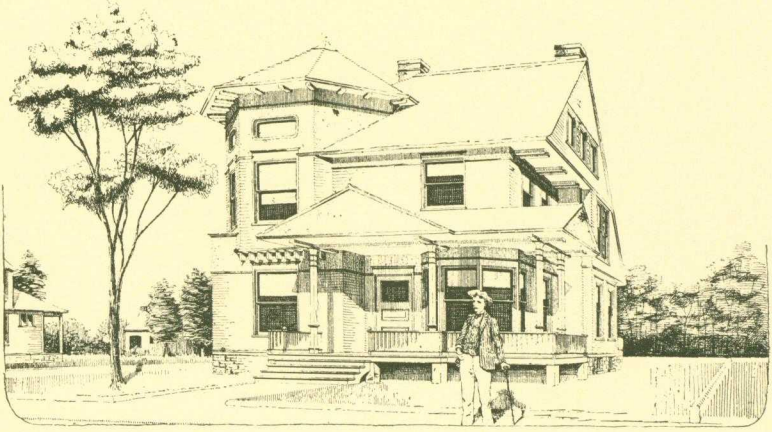
Maximum cost, $4500; heating, plumbing, and hard wood finish.

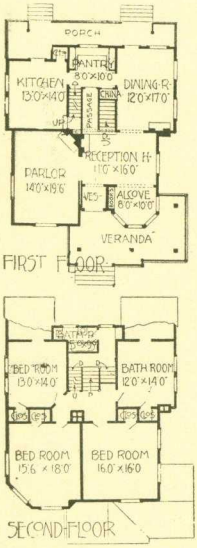


Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.





A DESIGN of stylish appearance and comfortable arrangement Well planned stairways. Books in alcove off reception hall; closets in all bed rooms; large porch at rear, and large veranda at front; fire places in three rooms. Foundation, stone; frame sheathed and weather-boarded, with the weather-boarding mitred at angles; plaster, stucco frieze and gables, shingled roof. Stories are of the following heights: Cellar, 7 ft.; first story, 10 ft.; second story, 9 ft. 6 in. Total width, including veranda, 40 ft.; total length, including porch and veranda, 52 ft. This house is well arranged for entertainment, the rooms being well grouped, and presents three good fronts. The general arrangement, and size of all rooms, may be seen by reference to the plans. Attic is floored, but not finished, but could be if required. The interior finish and appointments will be of quality and quantity to suit the owner.

Minimum cost, $3591.

Maximum cost, $4800.

Complete plans, details and specifications furnished by

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects

Philadelphia and Altoona, Pa.

IF YOU WISH to see these designs enlarged four times, together with a number not shown in this edition, (see page 17), send us TWO DOLLARS for the Unabridged Edition of

ARCHITECTURAL SUGGESTIONS

printed in two colors and bound in stiff boards.

ROBINSON & SNYDER, Architects,

915 Drexel Building,
Philadelphia.

6 and 7 Nicholson Building,
Altoona, Pa.

STAINED GLASS

FOR

CHURCH AND HOUSE

THE finest forms of Opalescent, Antique, Venetian, and Cathedral glasses, are used by us in our

ART GLASS WINDOWS.

Figure Subjects a Specialty.

CORRESPONDENCE SOLICITED
FOR SIMPLE OR ORNATE WORK.

SPECIAL COLOR SKETCHES
SUBMITTED UPON REQUEST.

Send for New Illustrated Hand Book.

J. & R. LAMB,

59 Carmine St. NEW YORK.